



23 July 2015

### **National Tree Day 2015**

The City of Nedlands and Moerlina Primary School joined forces to revegetate bushland on part of the Swan River foreshore as part of celebrations for National Tree Day on Thursday 23 July.

Thirty children aged 6 to 11 years old from Moerlina Primary School joined the City to help plant 900 native shrubs and trees at Point Resolution.

City of Nedlands Mayor Max Hipkins said: “The City is an active participant along with local schools in the annual National Tree Day celebrations. Revegetating bushland is in line with the City’s strategic goal to rejuvenate and grow more trees. Nedlands prides itself on the ample amount of trees and natural bushland it has in the City and we work hard to cultivate and foster this.”

The day started with a short educational talk about National Tree Day and the environmental importance of protecting native bush areas. The children learnt about erosion, biodiversity, native seedlings and wildlife habitats. The City’s Environmental Conservation Team Leader then gave a practical demonstration before organising the children into small groups to plant the already laid out plants.

The work was finished in no time. After time to enjoy the natural play area at Point Resolution with their morning tea, the children headed back to school with a packet of seeds to grow their own vegetables, herbs and flowers at home with their new planting skills.

### **About National Tree Day**

Planet Ark’s National Tree Day and Schools Tree Day provide all Australians with an opportunity to do something positive for the environment and reconnect with nature. Planet Ark works with councils, schools and community groups to help hundreds of thousands of Australians plant over 1 million native trees, shrubs and grasses at more than 4000 Tree Day events. Around 200,000 children participate in the event every year throughout Australia.

### **About the City of Nedlands**

The City of Nedlands is situated 7km from Perth and stretches from the banks of the Swan River to the edge of the Indian Ocean. A population of over 21,000 live in the suburbs Nedlands, Dalkeith, Mt Claremont, Swanbourne, Karrakatta, and parts of Floreat and Shenton Park.

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